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Letters to the Editor

Women urged to voice opinions

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Greater Columbia, South Carolina, American Association of University Women (AAUW), I am writing to remind women that it is essential to learn how their members of Congress have voted on the issues that are important to them. While the media seems to focus on everything but the issues in this election, AAUW has launched a non-partisan voter education campaign to inform women about the issues at stake for women and families.

With the congressional elections just three weeks away, AAUW believes that it is critical that women learn about how their members of Congress voted on issues such as reproductive choice, equity in education, and affirmative action. For example, during the 105th Congress, Representatives Clyburn, Spratt, and Sanford voted against Riggs Amendment to the Higher

Education Amendments of 1998 (HR 6). This amendment would have banned affirmative action in public college and university admissions, making it much harder for women to pursue degrees in higher education in fields such as math, science, and engineering.

The Riggs Amendment is just one of many attempts of the 105th Congress to challenge and in some cases repeal the rights of women. AAUW urges women to learn about their members of Congress and their challenges by joining AAUW's Voter Education Campaign. You can get involved by calling 800/608-5286 or visiting www.aauw.org.

As election day approaches, women should voice their opinions on the issues. It is important that women focus on the issues at stake. The vote of one woman can make a difference.

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